

REMARKS

The Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above amendment and reconsideration in view of the amendment and the following remarks.

All of the remaining claims are allowed, and the case is in condition for allowance, and applicant respectfully requests that a notice of allowance be issued.

The above amendments to the claims correct grammatical errors that the applicant was not previously aware of, and those skilled in the art in view of the specification would have understood the claims without the above amendments.

The above amendments were not statutorily necessary for the allowance of the claims and thus, do not limit the equivalence of the claims.

In response to the objection to the abstract, the abstract has been amended above.

In response to the objection to the specification under 37 CFR 1.77(b) that "the specification of a utility application should include the following sections in order", applicant respectfully declines to add headings because they are not required by the statute or rules, and could be inappropriately used in interpreting the specification.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any fee (except the issue fee) including fees for any required extension of time, to Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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